

The Crucible, Act II, by Arthur Miller
Vocabulary Builder

Using the Suffix -logy

The most common meaning of the suffix *-logy* is “the science or study of.” The suffix derives from a Greek word meaning “reason” or “word.”

A. DIRECTIONS: Use a dictionary to discover and define the root of each of the following words. Then write the meaning of the root of each, and explain how the suffix *-logy* combines with the meaning of the root to make the word.

1. psychology _____
2. ontology _____
3. entomology _____

Using the Word List

pallor	ameliorate	avidly	base	deference
theology	quail	gingerly	abomination	blasphemy

B. DIRECTIONS: Choose the word or phrase most nearly similar in meaning to the Word List word. Circle the letter of your choice.

1. pallor:
 - A. ease
 - B. majesty
 - C. paleness
 - D. sitting room
2. ameliorate:
 - A. nourish
 - B. improve
 - C. criticize
 - D. plot
3. avidly:
 - A. rapidly
 - B. loftily
 - C. eagerly
 - D. coolly
4. base:
 - A. degraded
 - B. faded
 - C. safe
 - D. planned
5. deference:
 - A. distinction
 - B. citation
 - C. delay
 - D. respect
6. theology:
 - A. study of legal issues
 - B. study of religious philosophy
 - C. study of life forms
 - D. study of ancient books
7. quail:
 - A. cringe
 - B. subdue
 - C. reassure
 - D. seek
8. gingerly:
 - A. hotly
 - B. appreciatively
 - C. profanely
 - D. cautiously
9. abomination:
 - A. suddenness
 - B. mutation
 - C. depravity
 - D. surprise
10. blasphemy:
 - A. explosion
 - B. illness
 - C. sorcery
 - D. sacrilege